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**For Immediate Release**

## **How to Apply for Rent Relief; Free Vaccination Clinics; Facebook Live – Youth and COVID-19 Vaccines: Update on County Response to COVID-19**

**Redwood City** – The County of San Mateo continues to work to protect public health and safety in response to the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19.

The County of San Mateo’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains open to coordinate countywide response and communications in response to the situation. The EOC’s Joint Information Center will provide status reports every Thursday until further notice. Today’s report:

### **COVID-19 Rent Relief**

California’s COVID-19 Rent Relief helps income-eligible households pay rent and utilities, both for past-due and future payments. Landlords may also be eligible for relief.

Interested landlords and renters can check eligibility and apply at [HousingIsKey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com) or by calling 833-430-2122. Applicants may qualify regardless of immigration status and will not be required to show proof of citizenship. All application information is kept private and will not be shared.

Need help with the application? You can find a list of local organizations that provide free assistance and information in English, Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog at <https://www.smcgov.org/san-mateo-county-emergency-rental-assistance-program>

### **Facebook Live: Facts About Youth and the COVID-19 Vaccine**

Join local health and community leaders for a discussion in Spanish today (June 24, 2021) from 6 to 7 p.m.: “The Time is Now – Facts About the Youth COVID-19 Vaccine.”

The discussion will include representatives from the Siena Youth Center and a youth representative from the North Fair Oaks Community Council, among others.

Join Supervisor Warren Slocum on Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/supervisorwarrenslocum>

### **El momento es ahora - Datos sobre la vacuna COVID-19 en jóvenes y por qué es importante**

Los invitamos a nuestro próximo FB Live para una discusión en español sobre "El momento es ahora - Datos sobre la vacuna COVID-19 en jóvenes y por qué es importante." Tendremos representantes de Kaiser Permanente, El Centro Juvenil de Siena, y un miembro joven del Consejo Comunitario de North Fair Oaks. Jueves 24 de junio, 6-7 pm.

Únete al Supervisor Warren Slocum Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/supervisorwarrenslocum>

### **County Health Offers Free Vaccine Clinics**

County Health is offering free vaccines on every day of the week at its clinics and facilities in Daly City, East Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay, North Fair Oaks, San Mateo and South San Francisco.

See the following link for schedules for which day the vaccine is offered at which location. No appointments necessary. <http://smchealth.org/vaccinecalendar>

[Vaccines are also available at 60 pharmacy locations throughout the county, including CVS, Walgreens, and others.](#)

### **Vaccinated Visitors to County Center No Longer Required to Wear Mask**

In alignment with state workplace safety guidance, visitors, clients and all members of the public who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are no longer required to wear a face covering inside County facilities.

Unvaccinated individuals must wear a face covering unless they:

- Are under 2 years old
- Have a medical or mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a mask
- Are hearing impaired or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired and must see the mouth for communication

Individuals entering the buildings without a face covering are self-attesting to having met the vaccine requirement.

**NOTE:** Face coverings are still required for ALL individuals inside courtroom in the Hall of Justice, at correctional facilities, medical facilities and shelters.

### **Request a Vaccination Clinic for Your Organization or Neighborhood**

The County is partnering with local groups to bring targeted vaccine pop up events for 25 or more participants to churches, community groups and not-for-profit organizations.

[Request an event](#) at least two weeks in advance.

“In addition to focusing on geographic accessibility, we particularly want to continue to increase vaccination rates among our communities of color that are experiencing rates lower than the county overall,” said County Health Chief Louise Rogers.

### **COVID-19 Testing**

Testing remains an important strategy in continuing to reduce the spread of the disease and to protect individuals who have not been vaccinated. Testing is available for all ages, including young children and infants, and all testing sites now use more comfortable testing methods by swabbing the front part of the nose or mouth.

People who are vaccinated or unvaccinated should get tested if they have symptoms of COVID-19. Unvaccinated persons should get tested if they have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or have concerns about being infected or exposed.

See [smcgov.org/testing](https://smcgov.org/testing) for more information about locations and schedules. In addition to these sites, testing is also available from health care providers and other community organizations.

### **Total Individuals Vaccinated Tops Half Million**

A total of 570,689 individuals have received at least one shot of COVID-19 vaccine as of Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

A total of 493,973 individuals have completed the vaccination series. This represents 86.6 percent of the eligible population age 12 and older. Overall, the number of vaccine doses administered was 1,028,036 as of Tuesday. Learn more and find additional vaccination data at <https://www.smchealth.org/data-dashboards>

### **COVID-19 Case Counts**

Since the beginning of the pandemic, County Health has reported 42,367 cases of COVID-19 in San Mateo County as of Wednesday, June 23, 2021. The death toll stands at 581.

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